

June 1, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. Special parking places marked "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER" will be reserved for Management Committee members on the fourth and fifth levels of the garage. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 9, 2004**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of May 12, 2004 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve the May 12, 2004 meeting minutes.
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AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5B. New Finding of Conformity for the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Amended Regional Transportation Plan

The conformity assessment on the proposed amendment, which includes a regional emissions analysis, concludes that the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. The proposed amendment includes an Arizona Department of Transportation request to advance a State Route 85 project and add a new Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway auxiliary lane project; an adjustment to the completion date of the light rail transit (LRT) 20-mile minimum operating segment to December 2008; and to the completion date of the LRT five-mile link to Metrocenter to 2012. Following a 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing is scheduled for June 1, 2004 on the proposed amendment to the TIP and RTP, and conformity assessment. On June 3, 2004, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on the draft conformity assessment. Approval of the new conformity finding by the Regional Council is required prior to approval of the amendment to the TIP and RTP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment includes a request from Maricopa County to add a new Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment Project for Loop 303 from I-10 to US 60 (Grand Avenue) to FY 2004. The proposed amendment also includes new transit projects and changes to existing transit projects from Valley Metro to ensure that the Federal Transit

5B. Recommend approval of the new Finding of Conformity for the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the amended Regional Transportation Plan.

5C. For consultation.

Administration Grant Application and the TIP are in conformance. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2004 Interim Year End Closeout, the proposed amendment includes new projects and changes to existing projects in the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP. The amendment includes new projects that may be categorized as exempt to determine conformity and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5D. Amendment of the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan for Light Rail Transit

Valley Metro Rail has requested changes to the budget and schedule for completion of the light rail transit (LRT) system. The changes would modify the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In accordance with State law, the proposed modifications to the RTP have been submitted for consultation to the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, Indian communities and to cities and towns. At their meeting on May 26, 2004, the Transportation Policy Committee reviewed and responded to comments received. On May 27, 2004, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the RTP and TIP to reflect the LRT changes. The results of an air quality conformity assessment indicate that the proposed transportation action meets the applicable transportation conformity criteria. A public hearing on the conformity analysis is being held on June 1, 2004. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Transit Projects

5D. Recommend approval of an Amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan and Special FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the light rail transit changes proposed by Valley Metro Rail, affecting the Minimum Operating Segment and the Metrocenter Link, contingent upon a finding of air quality conformity.

5E. Recommend an Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP for transit projects submitted by RPTA as shown in the Attached Table One.

Each year, when the Federal Transit Appropriations are released, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. It is necessary to either amend the TIP or to carry out some Administrative Adjustments to incorporate several changes to existing transit projects. These changes include the deletion of four projects, adjustments to 12 projects, the deferral of six projects and the addition of 19 new projects. Other projects have had the scopes and funding sources changed, increased and/or reduced. All of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a list of project changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Amendment of the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for ADOT Highway Projects and a Maricopa County Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment

On November 25, 2003, the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Since that time, ADOT has notified MAG that it is making several changes to the improvements scheduled on State Route 85, between Buckeye and Gila Bend. In addition, ADOT is adding a State funded District Minor project on Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) to FY 2004. Maricopa County has requested the addition of a Design Concept Report for Loop 303, from I-10 to US-60 (Grand Avenue). All of these projects require an amendment to the TIP to be able to proceed. On May 27, 2004, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approval of an Amendment of the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program to advance a State Route 85 project from FY 2007 to FY 2004; to add a new project on Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) between 31st Avenue and 51st Avenue to FY 2004; and to add a Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment for Loop 303, from I-10 to US-60 (Grand Avenue), to FY 2004.

*5G. Proposed New Federal Functional Classification for 43rd Avenue, Lower Buckeye Road to 0.8 Miles South

The City of Phoenix has submitted a project for consideration for MAG federal funds during the FFY 2004 Closeout process. The project has been highly recommended by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as a partial solution to Particulate Matter (PM-10) problems in the area and will utilize both Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds and Surface Transportation Program (STP-MAG) funds. To support the use of STP-MAG funds, the roadway needs to be federally functionally classified as an Urban Collector or higher. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Recommend MAG concurrence with Federally functionally classifying 43rd Avenue, Lower Buckeye Road to 0.8 miles south as an Urban Collector or higher.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Requested Changes to the FY 2004 MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested two material changes to the FY 2004 MAG Regional Freeway Program. A.R.S. 28-6353 requires that MAG approve any change in priorities, new projects, or requests that materially increase the cost of a project. The first requested change is to add \$1.0 million to the Systemwide Preliminary Engineering project due to the production of a design concept report, extensive hydraulic studies and geotechnical investigations and a change in interchange concepts for a section of the Red Mountain Freeway. ADOT is also requesting that a new project be established for design work necessary for utility relocation in the amount of \$80,000. Both of these changes are required to complete the current Regional Freeway Program in 2007. MAG has examined the need for both of these changes and finds that they are warranted. A review of the net impact of these changes indicates that the cash balances for the MAG

6. Recommend approval of the requested changes to increase the funding for Systemwide Preliminary Engineering by \$1.0 million and add the new project to provide for utility relocation design work in the amount of \$80,000.

Regional Freeway Program are adequate to accommodate the requested changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Federal Fiscal Year 2004 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2004 and FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$22.2 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$36 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On March 25, 2004, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended allowing 19 projects, totaling \$18.4 million, to defer from FFY 2004 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds. To utilize the available funds, on May 27, 2004, the TRC recommended 17 projects, totaling \$23,825,466, plus an additional \$1,371,500 in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommend approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2004, as shown in the attached Tables and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP and the FY 2004 and FY 2005 UPWPs to allow the projects to proceed.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

8. Elect a Chair and a Vice Chair.

9. Information.